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# CRISIS.

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penses have been much greater than those of last year, and indications are that the total will aggregate \$70,000.

"The citizens of the city will hold council responsible for permitting this enormous indebtedness to accumulate. Something must be done—even if improvements should be cut down. It is very likely that it will be necessary to borrow \$40,000 to begin the new year with, and in the course of the year to issue bonds amounting to \$100,000. All these for current expenses only.

"I urge council to insist upon having more representation in the conducting of the affairs of this city. The members of the body will, as I said before, be held responsible for the accumulation of the debt; and are the members going to sit here and permit matters to continue as they have been?"

Mr. Paul arose and criticized the city commissioners for the careless manner in which street repair matters are conducted, citing an instance where it cost at the rate of 55 cents a yard to remove some dirt from a street, which ought not to have cost more than 12 cents.

"Small boys wouldn't manage affairs as they have been conducted by the commissioners." Then Mr. Paul referred to the grading of North College st., in the vicinity of Union depot, declaring that inasmuch as the Union Depot company would be more directly benefited by the improvement now in progress, it should at least pay half the expense incurred, but under the dispensation of the commissioner rule, the city pays it all.

"Then," continued Mr. Paul, there is too much political favoritism shown in the employment of persons to conduct the work on the streets. This must be remedied, and an absolute limit placed on the price paid."

The automobile patrol question in particular, and others incidentally, were dealt with at length. Mr. Thompson presented a motion that an itemized account be kept of every article used in the construction of the automobile. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul, and adopted unanimously. No more mysterious claims labeled "Items," and aggregating a generous sum will be passed in the pay-roll ordinance. It was further shown by remarks of several Councilmen that the Commissioners are exceeding the limit of their prerogative in awarding contracts and expending funds, aggregating more than the limit the Commissioner law prescribes—\$500.

"But they get around that very

nicely," said Mr. Brady, "by arranging for separate articles and in stringing the bills along."

Clerk Isbell replied to the statement by saying that the attempt to thus evade the restrictions of the Commissioner law was not legal and should not be permitted.

"There are too many items," said Mr. Amer. "Look at the little dunkey shanty they're sticking onto the City Hall. When we've got four great big Commissioners, each with a salary of \$1,800 a year, to run the business of the city, we ought to be able to get some good out of them."

Mr. Homan suggested that anything costing over \$500 be secured by bids.

"Is there no law that regulates the extent to which the Commissioners may go in debt?" inquired Mr. Fieberger. "There is no such law in street matters. Council may object, but what good will it do?"

The continual "roasting" brought Mr. McMillen to the defense of the Commissioners. He said: "For the past two years all city improvements have been taken out of the general fund; heretofore bonds have been sold. This condition is nothing new. It was bound to come. The city needs are increasing every year. We must either shut down on improvements entirely, or else continue as we have been doing. The street funds have kept pace with those of preceding years."

"This talk tonight is all for campaign effect. Most all the Councilmen know it. Improvements have been asked for and it would have been a crying shame not to have provided them. It has been necessary to spend the funds in question, and in many cases we have found it cheaper to secure labor by the day than by contract."

"Mr. Amer refers to our each being paid \$1,800 a year to secure to the city a business administration, and then speaks in a slurring tone of our ability. I want to say that we are as capable as any four men in this Council."

A discussion in which several Councilmen took part exposed some facts relative to how the Commissioners spend money, the statement being made that their first year's reign caused an expense of \$40,000 over other years.

Referring to the matter of the grading on North College st., of which Mr. Paul spoke, relative to its being but fair that the Union Depot company should pay half the expense of the improvement, Mr. McMillen said that it was a very hard thing to do anything with the railroads in matters of this kind.

Mr. Amer replied that the Commissioners wouldn't take advantage of a good proposition made by a rail-

road company in the matter of improving McCoy st.

Clerk Isbell, in reply to Commissioner McMillen, said: "I am very sorry that Mr. McMillen should make reference to this discussion as a political move. I simply do not wish to see matters laid up against the council for which it is not responsible. Mr. McMillen, himself, spent a lot of money to fix up the old patrol wagon, and as soon as it was completed, said: 'I don't want it, I'll have an automobile constructed for \$1,400,' but instead of \$1,400, it will cost not less than \$2,200."

Mr. McMillen replied by telling Mr. Isbell that he was making a good campaign speech, adding that the new automobile patrol would save the city \$1,000 a year.

In reply to Mr. McMillen's excuse that the city had used money from the general fund to pay the city's portion of street improvements, Mr. Isbell said that the city had never taken a cent from the general fund to pay for street improvements, and that if it had taken money from the general fund the city's finances would be more appalling than they are today.

Mr. Brady then remembered his old-time grievance against the Commissioners and declared that if council couldn't be consulted in matters of that kind the Commissioners might as well "fire" all the members.

Mr. Fieberger suggested that the Commissioners arrange to keep within the limit in their expenditures, and that inasmuch as the bills contracted by the Commissioners rested wholly with them, that they should be held responsible for every item.

"The debt this year is not more than that of other years," said Mr. McMillen.

"The street funds show an increase of 25 per cent during the last six months over a similar period last year," replied Clerk Isbell.

This enraged Mr. McMillen and he declared: "That's untrue, and I call the gentleman to order. He's not speaking the truth at all."

"Will you please talk like a gentleman?" demanded Mr. Isbell. "I'll get the figures and prove to you that what I am saying is correct. I reiterate my statement, and add that the Street Committee have been conducting matters wholly for political effect."

Mr. McMillen, however, did not call for figures, although Clerk Isbell several times asked if he cared to have them read.

**Ordinances and Resolutions.**

Resolution rescinding a resolution to grade Kirkwood st. Adopted. A new grade is to be established.

Resolution that a stone sidewalk be laid on both sides of West Cedar st., from Water st. to the corporation line. Adopted.

Ordinance to condemn property for a main trunk sewer in district No. 9. Passed.

**Page Appointed.**

President Sprigle appointed J. F. Joseph to the position of page, which has been vacated for some time.

**Police Officers' Petition.**

The petition of the police officers for an increase in salary to \$75 a month was referred to the Police Committee of Council and Commissioners. The petition was signed by Chas. Doerler, J. A. Campbell and Robert Guillet.

**Next Meeting.**

Council adjourned for two weeks. At the next meeting the matter of narrowing Water st. will be considered.

**Petitions and Complaints.**

Mr. Paul—Branches of an apple tree on Otis st. extending out too far over the sidewalk.

Also, citizens ask that the street cars display signs indicating which way they are going.

Mr. Fieberger—Citizens on South Maple st. want the streets swept.

Also, citizens on Rhodes av. want an electric light between Market and Crosby sts.

Also, some places on Silver st. water is running over the street.

Mr. Homan—Crossing wanted on State st., near Main.

Also, vapor light and repairs wanted on Pine alley, between Buchtel ave. and State st.

Also, citizens want to know about the new automobile patrol, whether the commissioners have exceeded the law limit of \$500 in arranging for it.

Mr. Amer—Hole on South Summit st. has never been repaired.

Mr. Brady—Citizens want to know about the automobile patrol, relative to the price being paid by the commissioners.

Mr. Markle—Citizens on East Market st. want a crossing at Case avenue.

Also a gutter in the center of a portion of Bank st.

Mr. Thompson—Ledge st. is in bad condition, between Grant and Washington sts.

Also sewer pipe drains broken on Brown st., north of Vine, leaving bad holes in side of street.

Also useless telephone pole in front of 509 East Exchange st.

**Reports and General.**

Citizens want a bridge across the Ohio canal at Campbell st.

The report of the City Engineer, relating to the bridge across the canal near the Diamond Rubber plant, accepted. To construct the bridge according to specifications, \$13,000 would be necessary, but it is thought a \$6,000 structure will be arranged.

Poor Director Kendall reported an expenditure of \$213.50 during October.

During October 144 arrests were made.

# BULLER AT THE CAPE.

British Commander Reaches South Africa.

**BOERS' ATTACK ON LADYSMITH.**

Shelled the Place, but a Naval Reinforcement Silenced Their Battery With Their Guns—Smith's Forces Drove the Boers Back Several Miles.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—A dispatch from Cape Town announced the arrival in Table Bay of the Drottin Castle, with General Sir Buller and his staff. They will meet with a tremendous ovation in Cape Town.

It is reported from Pretoria that 200 of the British wounded from Dundee have arrived there and have been furnished accommodation in the state school building.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—A dispatch from General White read in part as follows: "I employed all the troops here except the obligatory garrison before the

when the admiral announced the fact to a few of his friends, and a delegation of Tennesseans. Later in the evening he visited the Lafayette Square theater, and, while there, also communicated the news to some of his near friends and to Secretary Long, who occupied one of the boxes.

While the news of the wedding is not definitely known, the understanding is that it will take place some time during November. She was the daughter of a former governor of Vermont. One child from that marriage, a son, is now living in New York. General Hazen, the former husband of Mrs. Hazen, died on Jan. 16, 1887, and a son from their union died last year.

**MISSIONARIES' REPORTS.**

They Were Heard at the Meeting of M. E. Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 31.—At the annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church reports were made by Mrs. M. S. Hazen on Bombay, Mrs. O. S. Winchell on Malaysia, Mrs. A. N. Fisher on North Japan, Mrs. S. L. Kean on Central Japan, Mrs. E. T. Cowen on Southern Japan and Mrs. H. B. Skidmore on Korea. Mrs. T. B. Wood, missionary to Peru, and Mrs. Gill, missionary to China, were introduced. Addresses were given in the evening by several missionaries.

**A FERRYBOAT OUT IN TWO IN HARBOR.**

A Disastrous Collision at New York. Number of Lives May Be Lost. One Boy's Found.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—The Pennsylvania ferryboat Chicago, plying between Jersey City and New York, was cut in two by the freighter City of Augusta of the Old Dominion steamship line, at 12:35 this morning on the New York side of North river. She went down in seven or eight minutes. There were about 30 and 40 people aboard, four being women. It is supposed that several persons were drowned, though there is no positive proof of this assertion.

In spite of the severity of the accident there was no panic.

The steamboat squad a few minutes before 2 o'clock found a body, which is supposed, is that of one of the passengers on the ferryboat, drowned as the result of the collision.

Mr. H. W. Bible of this city jumped overboard with a life preserver. He saw four women struggling in the water near him, but was unable to help them. He was picked up by a lifeboat and taken ashore.

Searchlight was used in the work of rescuing a number of fuges and some boats were secured. Everything was as possible under the circumstances to pick up persons from the water. One boat brought in six men, two women and child.

**Christmas Boxes For Manila.**

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—At the army pier in Brooklyn a corps of men were busily engaged receiving and recording the wagonloads of boxes which come in from all parts of the country for the United States soldiers in the Philippines. The government furnishes free transportation, and many persons are taking advantage of the fact to send Christmas boxes to their relatives and friends in Manila.

**Dyer Asked to Be Relieved.**

MELROSE, Mass., Oct. 31.—Captain N. M. Dyer, U. S. N., who commanded the Baltimore at the Manila fight and who has been assigned to Havana to command the naval station there, has asked to be relieved of that duty, owing to his physical condition.

**Cuban Farmers Want Protection.**

HAVANA, Oct. 31.—Governor General Brooke received a petition signed by a number of Cuban farmers urging protection against American corn.

**James Reed Injured.**

Mr. James Reed struck his leg against a cake of ice in such a manner as to bruise it severely. It became very much swollen and pained him so badly that he could not walk without the aid of crutches. He was treated by physicians, also used several kinds of liniment and two and a half gallons of whisky in bathing it, but nothing gave any relief until he began using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. This brought almost a complete cure in a week's time and he believes that had he not used this remedy his leg would have had to be amputated. Mr. Reed is one of the leading merchants of Clay Court House, W. Va. Pain Balm is unequalled for sprains, bruises and rheumatism. For sale by all druggists. E. Steinbacher & Co. wholesale agents.

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Mrs. Vanderbilt Agrees to the Will. NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Mrs. Alice Gwynne Vanderbilt, widow of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, filed a waiver of dower and gave formal consent to the admission of her husband's will to probate.

Della Fox Better. NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Della Fox, the actress who has been dangerously ill for the past fortnight, continued to improve and it was thought she will recover.

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